GREATNESS OF JESUS Bootor Niccolls.

MIRACLE OF JEWISH RACE W. F. @

PEACE ON EARTH W. W. Boyd.

SERMON EXTRACTS FROM ST. LOUIS SUNDAY PULPITS.

"There is discipline in the years which makes life capable and strong, a discipline which transforms innocency into boilness, tears into crystalline charac- 💠 ter, and laughter into the serious music of blessedness."-The Reverend Alfred F.

very atmosphere is trembling with whispers of kindliness and helpfuless, and all men under the inspiration of the breathing of the Spirit of the new life are hastening to the relief of others."-The Reverend Benjamin E. Reed. "The Jews have moral and physical virility far beyond the average of the • human race, or else they have been supported and sustained by the hand of a • mighty, invisible spiritual power watching over and directing them through the .

"The minister who for superficial peace fails to apply the gospel to daily life the but compromising with the devil. The individual professing faith in Carlet but bringing forth no fruit of practical goodness is a dead branch, fit only for the •

burning."-The Reverend Doctor W. W. Boyd. "The Christ who will come is the same as the one who has come, and is now .

present with men. He cannot be a better Savior, more worthy of your love and trust than he is now."—The Reverend Doctor Samuel J. Niccolls.

He Is the One Perfect of All the Ages and Is the Model for Chris-

"The Greatness of Jesus" was the sub-ject of the sermon preached by the Rever-end Doctor Samuel J. Niccolls at the Sec-Presbyterian Church yesterday mora-The text was from Luke xi. 15: Let go now even unto Bethiehem, and see s thing, which is come to pass, which the Lord hath thade known unto us." He said

Lord hath made known unto us. The same in part:

"The event which nineteen centuries ago moved the shepherd to hasten to Bethlehem is the same that to-day fills the world with new joy, and moves Christendom to fervent praise and thankesiving.

"That which was announced on the fields of Bethlehem by the song of the angels is now proclaimed around the world by pealing hells, by hymns and anthems of praise from



in its lowly cradle manger in a stable, such was the sight before them.

"His mission was no dream, nor a passing movement among the many that have stirred the hearts of men. He has delivered uncounted militons from the curse of sin, and filled their hearts with peace and gladness; and he is doing it to-day.

"He is the only one of our race who has ever been able to deliver us from the fear of death, subdue our wills, inspire our nature with the love of holiness, and implant within us an immortal hope. It is through him that we have our clearest idea of God and his divine fatherhood; of man and of our relations one to another. The community that has accepted his teachings and tried to live in obedience to him has been lifted up in all that adorns and blesses men's earthly existence.

"He has abolished slavery, redeemed and exalted womanhood and glorified childhood. In short, the world is a better, orighter and gladder world for his coming into it. It is true that his rule is very far frem being complete. Human society does not yet show a full realization of his teachings and example. There are still millions living besotted lives, bound fast in the chains of ignorance and superstition, to whom the name of Jesus is only an empty echo.

"Indeed, it seems as if the vast armies of cannon, the cheers of the victors and the agonizing cries of the wounded and dying, were a satanic mockery of the angel's sous, beace on earth, good will to men. But in the midst of all this confusion and unrest we must not overlook what has been accomplished, and the mighty advance that has been made under the leadership of

we must not overlook what has been accomplished, and the mighty advance that has been made under the leadership of Christ. Take him away, let the world no longer feel the uplifting power of his presence, let all the faith, hope and love he has inspired die out from human hearts, and into what depths of degradation and despair would the world fail?

"Say what we will about the notions and isms and distracting opinions of the times, this is clear beyond contradiction—that Christian forces are now doing the world's best work for humanity; the truth as it is in Jesus is judging all. These are things which have come to pass concerning the babe of Bethlehem, and the Lord has made them known to us. The supreme question which have come to pass concerning tose babe of Bethlehem, and the Lord has made them known to us. The supreme question of the passing ages, is. Who is this person? What is his mature? Is he a natural or a supernatural being? Is he simply a sublime religious genius, the product of our humanity, or is he one who has come from God? "The answer which the gospel narrative gives to this question is clear and positive; there can be no doubt concerning its testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ. He was the electral word made flesh. Equally clear and positive is the testimony which history gives to the same truth. He is Emmanuel, God with us. It is this faith that lies at the foundation of the Christian church. Take it away and the whole superstructure fails. The living root from which the Christian faith springs is the incarnation.

"And you my friends if we can see Jestimoty my production of the christian faith springs is the incarnation."

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"And, now, my friends, if we can see Jeand tow, my trems, it we can be sure staday, bonn to be our Saylor and Lord, and manifesting homself in rower and love, what remains for us but to prostrate our rolves in adming homnue at his feet and to glorify God in his behalf? Who refuses to ribrait to him? Who amont you keeps his heart of sed to his entrance and refuses him his rightful claims?

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his rightful claims?

"We do, indeed, expect another coming of Christ a visible one in his aferfield hemanity and all who leve him will certainly resisted in that second advent. But what more can be being you than new, or a Savier? A hetter vision of himself; but not a more lawing heart; seems of dazzling aplender, but not a richer inheritance. The Christ who will come is the same as the one who law come, and is now present with meal. He cannot be a better factor, more warthy of your love and trust than he is now. He is as able to save now as he will be then."

PRESERVATION OF JEWS MIRACLE OF THE AGES.

No Other Race Could Have Withstood the Hardshins It Has Encountered Successfully, Paster Says.

"The Miracle of the Jewish Race" was the subject of a lecture delivered last night by the Reverend W. F. Peck at the Church of Spiritual Unity. In part, he said:

'In using the term miracle as applied to this wonderful people I do not mean to imply that there was any setting aside or abrogation of natural law in the phenomena embraced in that history, but that all the facts go to show the interposition of invisible powers, the guidance of spiritual beings in all the affairs of their long and marvelous career.

"The etory of the Jews stands out separate and distinct and without a parallel in the history of the races. From Abraham to the present day its experiences and vicissi-

GREATNESS OF CHRIST'S LIFE | tudes have been such as no other race has IS APPROACHED BY NO MAN.

When Abraham, amid the libitary of his native hald, himself the son of an imagemaker, caught glimpses of a nober

Israellies, but to the greater part of the world-criablishes them as an independent nation.

"Follow them the ugh the ages marked by mutations, changes, trials, precausas such as no other race over survive. Adminishes and advised by the vole of the Spirit through the mouths of the propiets, seers and mediums, prospering, when obedient, generally everwhelmed with adversity when rebellious.

"For over 1269 years, currounded by enemies, varied upon by ambitious and uncertigates monarchs, they sustain a national existence. Overwhelmed at length by weild-conquering Rom, they are driven from their homes and become wanderers upon the face of the earth. Follow them through the early and middle centuries of the Christian era. The growth of the church was an added menage to the liberty, free and property of the children of Israel. Regarded as "enemies of the cross" they were deprived of all pivileses, and made the torsets for the abuse of every class, the legitimate prey of hungry, grasping officials.

"No amprejudiced mind can review the

their racial character, their unity, their re-lizion, almost unimported, without feeling that they possess a strength of character, a moral and physical virility far beyond the average of the human race, or else they have been supported and sustained by the moral and physical virility far beyond the average of the human race, or else they have been supported and sustained by the hand of a mighty invisible, spiritual power watching over and directing them through the ages.

"Not only have the Jews sustained an ex-"Not only have the Jews sustained an ex-

"The Discipline of the Years" was the subject of the New Year's sermon preached yesterday morning by the Reverend Affed F. Smith, paster of the Kirkwood Mathedist Episcopal Church, South. The text was I Corinthians xill, 2: "When I became a man I put away childish things." He said, in part:

part:

"From the tenderness of childhood to the firmer fiber of manhood is a brief span, and then to the years of decline are seemingly fewer years. So that life, as much for its brevity as for its beauty, is like the flower that blooms in the morning and withers at noon. Yet the mind reaches forward into the unfinished day and desires the joy and completeness of completed suns. its hopes rising and abiding above the isting flood, firmly anchored to that within

"It may be that oftentimes the heart is restless and sad offering to estless and sad, offering its plainte in outhing and pathetic cries, but oftener it



THE REVEREND A. F. SMITH. is herole, lifting its wand of command over is berole, lifting its wand of command over the surging seas, and parting their troubled waters before the feet. Why should the old Dutch clock of Colonial times, which places beneath the dial the Image of an old man representing Time, who, when the clock struck, swung a scythe and turned a tiny hourclass in his hand, be the graw-some monitor of the passing moments? And why should Time be referred to as 'Plerce' spirit of the glass and scythe?' or a power be sought that 'can stay his silent course, or melt his fron heart to pity?'

"There is a much more manly view to take of the years and of the strange mix-

and laughter into the serious music of biesechiess.

"As the insenuity of the world is learning more and more to use for some purpose of wealth all the products of the fields, nothing wasted, so might the wisdom of the heart take up all the experiences of life and turn them into noble material for knitting and coloring the robes of its character. No better flustration of this statement can be given than a little bit of the stary of one who has accomplished so beautiful a life.

"PEACE ON EARTH" DECLARED STATE OF CONSTANT WAR.

Augels' Message Was Only to Those in Whom God Was Pleased, Says Doctor Boyd.

A new interpretation was given to the message of the angels at Christ's birth in a nemion preached yesteromy morning at the Second impairst Church by the Rever-

class, the legitimate prev of hungry, glasping officials.

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come to send (to throw) peace on earth, it came not to gand peace, but a sword. The world new created in him: the sword is for the emilies of truth. To the established theoratic and political order to thinse, Christ could not bring the late of the control of the strain of the strai

REWARDS FOR TEN YEARS OF UNBROKEN ATTENDANCE.



Attention was called to the lact that Charles I. Diekenga of No. 3116 Clifton place has been present at every session of the Second Baptist Sunday School for thirteen years.

He received a gold watch three years ago,

He act that general and not be remained as above on the second. It was a request that could not be denied, said Miss Collins. If went to Sunday school for a few minutes that morning, and on my way home brought a physician. The next day grandmother left us."

and to know that each stage of life and every thing that enters into the enrichment of that stage is of a beautiful and "litinary is beautiful and "litinary is beautiful, making the heart of the world tender, and childhood is harp by furnishing some of carciess area. By only in the memory and in the fiber of the mature life. They had their meaning and their praise when they passed into the mature life. They had their meaning and their praise when they passed into the mature life. They had their meaning and their praise when they passed into the most be their praise when they passed into the most be their praise when they passed into the most be their praise when they passed into the most be their praise when they passed into the most be their praise when they passed into the most better and more in the years, while makes the life capable and strong, a described into the scroots make of birsedness.

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Members of the Second Baptist Church Sunday-school, who have not missed attendar on a single Sunday in more than ten years. Prizes have been awarded to them.

School. Miss Mattle Collins of No. 232 Clifton place, and Ralph Jacoby of No. 232 Clark avenue, for answering roll call every Sunfay at the school for ten years.

The formal award took place on Christmas night, when the Reverend Doctor W. W. Boyd, pastor of the church, and John B. Edwards of No. 4128 McPherson avenue, superintendent of the Sunday school, congratulated Master Ja oby and Miss Collins and announced that the watches had been ordered with suitable inscriptions. They will be delivered as soon as the engraving is finished.

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"Schice's is not inken as an excuse, or, rather, the record is broken by a single absence, no matter shat the reason may be," said Miss Collins who hughingly added that the prices were also somewhat in the nature of testimonials to red leading the nature of testimonials to red lead the prices were also somewhat in the nature of testimonials to red lead the prices were also somewhat in the nature of testimonials to red lead to red nature of testimonials to red lead the prices were also somewhat in the nature of testimonials to red lead the testimonials to red lead the testimonials to red lead the nature of testimoni

Call the second gave him books to add to his library with he has collected in this manner for more than a decade-faithful attendance and excellent school. The most remarkable record in the action trips and miss her Sunday school. Miss Mattle Collins of No. 2023. Admins street, who has failed to attend the Second Eaptist Sunday School. Miss Mattle Collins of No. 2023. The formal award took place on Christmas night, when the Reverend Doctor W. W. Boyd, pastor of the church, and John B. Edwards of No. 423 McPherson avenue, superintendent of the Sunday school convert.

markable Sunday-school record.

"Ten years and," said Mr. Jacoby, "Ralph was a newshow for The Republic. He picked his friends from among Second Baptist hoys, with whom he has been associated almost all his life. On every Sunday morning he not only disposed of his own papers as quickly as possible, but would help the other lade to sell out their supply, so that they could all go to Sunday school together. His perseverance has continued in other ways."

DEMAREE TWICE ATTEMPTS SUIGIDE

Takes Poison and, While Writhing in Pain, Tries to Cut His Throat With a Razer.

CRIES "SHE IS AFTER ME."

Physicians in Attendance Say He Is Bordering on Insanity—His Bride, Whom He Calls a Hypnotist, Expected.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Greenville, Ill., Dec. 28.-John H. Demarce, the Greenville contractor, who claims he was inveigled into marrying Miss Pearl Thompson, a handsome country school teacher of La Grange Township, made two attempts to commit suicide at his home in this city to-day. He says his only regret

is that they were unsuccessful. Demaree swallowed the contents of a vial supposed to contain strychnine or arsenic, and later made an attempt to cut his throat with a razor. At a late hour to-night he is still alive and is carefully guarded by several men to prevent him from doing himself further violence.

Demaree passed a sleepless night at his home, with his two sons, Ludweil and June. This morning he went to the home of Mrs. Jane Scott, where some of his goods are stored, and asked for his revolver. Miss Addie Delap, a niece of Mrs. Scott, answered his call and refused to give him the weapon. Demaree told her he had concluded during the night to commit suicide. Later on in the morning. Demaree telegraphed his wife at Rushville asking when to expect her home. About 2 o'clock this afternoon he went into his barn and locked the door. His actions were observed by the Scott family and several neighbors were summoned. Demaree was found lying on the floor writhing in agony. It was not till four hours later that he regained consciousness under the ministrations of phy-

sicians. While writhing in convulsions, Demaree reached under his mattress and drew forth a razor. Sheriff Lowe Floyd, who had been keenly watching him, grasped it from his hand in the nick of time. Demarce then raved for an hour, searching wildly among the bedclothes for the instrument.

In his delirium, he cried, "She is after me," and repeatedly called for his knife. After regaining his senses, Demaree said he has more poison hidden away, but refuses to tell where it is. Doctors Gordon and Warren, who attend-

ed him, say he is bordering on insmity. Hewitt. To them he confided that he had thrown the vial on the floor of the barn, but a careful search failed to corroborate this statement.

Demaree's bride is looked for home Monday, when additional disclosurers are expected.

WHOLE BLOCK IS THREATENED. Springfield, Ill., Suffers a \$15,000 Blaze.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 28.—Fire, involving a property loss aggregating \$15,999, was discovered early this morning in the Kenney building and threatened for a time to destroy an entire business block. Three stores and the Post Office were burned be-fore the blaze was quenched.

The building is occupied by O. G. Brown as a restaurant and J. F. Irwin as a bar-

ber shop. It is believed to have been caused by an explosion of fireworks.

Owing to a delay in the discovery, the flames gained considerable headway in the flames gained considerable headway in the restaurant and nothing was saved from the building. The fire extended to the room on the south, occupied by Mrs. Eilen Monroe as a millinery and clothing store, and to the Post Office on the north. Both buildings were badly damaged.

The losses are partly covered by insurance. The Post Office will be removed temporarily to the Suttle building.

Paducah in Ice King's Grasp. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Paducah, Ky., Dec. 28.—Paducah is in the grasp of another feestorm. The city is a solid sheet of fee and street-car trame has been seriously crippled.

CHAIRMAN OF ROCK ISLAND STARTED AS BANK CASHIER.

Has Been for Many Years Prominently Identified With the Interests of the Moore Brothers.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Rock Island Rallroad, Daniel G. Reid was elected chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of R. R. Cable, who has been the chairman since 188. Mr. Cable intended to resign from the chairmanship of the road last May, but at the argent request of the Moore brothers agreed to continue in the resider and agreed to continue in the position until January 1, when Mr. Reid will assume the

For a number of years Mr. Reid has been prominently identified with the interests of



DANIEL G. REID. Recently elected chairman of the Rock Is-land Board of Directors to succeed R. R. Cable, who has been chairman since June 1 1898.

dent of the American Tin Plate Company when it was organized and became a direc-tor of the United States St -1 Corporation when the American Tin Plate Company was when the American Tin Plate Company was turned over to it.

Mr. Reid began railroading as superintendent of the Peoria and Book Island road, now a part of the Rock Island system. Later he became vice president and general manager of that road. He is one of the largest stockholders in the Rock Island. His fortune is estimated to be \$35,000.00. He began life as cashier of a bank in Hammond, Ind.

WILL CONSTRUCT NEW LINE. Rock Island to Build Road in Oklahoma.

Gathrie, Ok., Bec. 28.—The Rock Island will construct a line from North Enid, Ok., to Ingeresi, where cornection will be made with the Chockew and Northern, recently purchased by the Rock Island. The new roud will pass through the towns of Car-rier, Karoma, Helena and Elkton.

B. & O. to Have Four Tracks to Scaboard.

Evansell's, Ind. Dec. 28—Miss Ruby Warren of Luisville and Mr. E. E. Dunphy of Owensbers, Ky., sloped to this city last night and were married. REDUCE DISTANCE TO CHICAGO.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Chicago, Dec. 28.—It is reported that the management of the B. & O. R. R. has determined to have a four-track system from Chicago to the seahoutd. Partial confirmation of this programme came last week, when official announcement was made of the purpose to build the cut-off, which will bring Chicago eighty miles nearer Pittsburg and also reduce the de-tance between Chicago, Baltimore, Washington and New York by an equal extent.

In many ways the plans in view for the B. & O. system are the most important evolved in years, as bearing upon the relations commercially between the East and the Middle West. In the work of reconstitute of the system more than \$80,000,000 has been expended, and the grand total will stable this contract of the system more than \$80,000,000 has been expended, and the grand total will

been expended, and the grand total within two years foot up to about \$115,000,

The fact that the old Pennsylvania route is to be used in the cut-off is especially in-teresting, as proving that the Wabsan is not to use this survey from Pitt-burg to-ward the seaboard.

LARGE SIMS IN IMPROVEMENTS. Railroads Building Additional Lines and Perfecting Equipment.

Enormous sums are being spent not only in the building of new lines, but in improvements and equipment of rainoads throughout the United States.

According to estimates based on contracts for equipment, improvements and additional lines a far greater amount of mainoads then in any previous year.

As an evidence of the enormous sums being expended the Pennsylvania system is an object lesson, in andrion terms that is many roads are increasing their expenses by raising the wages of their employes.

An expenditure of \$10,000,000 has been au-

thorized by the directors of the Pennsylvania Baliroud, the Pennsylvania Company, and the Pittzburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis for improvements. The Pennsylvania will expend \$3.000.000 for improvements between Philadelphia and Harrisburg, which will include the survey of a new low-grade line.

FREIGHT-CAR STATISTICS. Enormous Traffic, With but Little Detention.

Interesting statistics recently published by the National Association of the Car Service Manufacturers show that during the quarter ending September 20 Pittsburg handled more cars with less detention than any other city. The statemen nent shows that during the The statement shows that during the months of July, August and September the total movement of freight cars was 6.23,527, an increase of 1.321,523 over the number moved in the corresponding period last year. The average defention of freight cars was 1.6 days, on account of consignees, 1.32 days.

The freight blockade in Pittsburg in the

dist few mostlis will undoubtedly different story in the next report. Earnings Show a Decrease. For the first time in two years the earnings of the Fanhandle, according to the November statement, show a decrease. This is
said to be largely due to the advance of 10
per cent to the empolyes, effective November 1.

Chauge Made Month Earlier. F. W. Harlow, division passenger agent of the Idinois Central Railroad, with offices at Chechnati, has been notified that the change by which he has additional territory of the road under his management will become ef-jective January 1 instead of February 1. He will go to Louisville.

Large Orders for Coaches. Orders have been placed for forty new coaches by the Wabash, by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois for thirty-two and by the Queen and Crescent for ten,

DOCKERY OFFERS A REWARD.

Will Pay \$200 for Arrest of Union Bank Robbers. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 28.—Governor Dockery to-day issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$500 for the arrest and delivery to the Sheriff of Franklin County and the conviction of the bank robbers who The reward holds good for one year.

WEDDINGS.

TRIED TO WED IN SECRET. Herbert Vann and Miss Benedict Dise covered by Bride's Sister.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Springfield, Ill., Dec. 28.-Herbert Vann, a Springfield, Ill., Dec. 28.—Herbert Vann, a local insurance agent, and Miss Cassandra. Benedict attempted to wed secretry this afternoon in the St Nicholas Hotel. Shortly after the ceremony was performed the brides younger sister rushed into the latel to corroborate a rumor of the marriage. As soon as she confirmed the report she hurred away to advise the girl's parents.

ABRAHAM RUTZ.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL with the Choctaw and Neithern, recently purchased by the Rock Island. The new rond will pass through the towns of Carrier, Karoma, Helena and Ekton.

It is also stated that an agreement has been effected whereby the Rock Island and the Frisco will use the same tracks from Durwood, I. T., to Rewitt, I. T., on the extension of the inter from Ardmore to Lawton, and of the former from Ardmore to Waurika. The Prisco is graded as far as Remember, will take charge of the funeral armagements.

DUNPHY-WARREN, REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

FOUND DEAD IN BED. John M. Greer Expires Suddenly at Fort Worth, Tex.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Fort worth, Tex., Dec. 28.—John M. Greer, a son of the head of the St. Louis commis-ion flem, Greer-Mills Company, was found dead in bed at 11:30 o'clock this morning at Hotel Worth.

He was a Texas cattleman and lived at Henrietta, where he leaves a widow and one child. He had been warned of heart weakness, but had been forced to do an unusual amount of hard and exposed work with his cattle this fall and winter.

this fall and winter. He had been here two days. THE VERY REV. A. B. ORCHTERING. Well-Known Catholie Minister Die

at Mishawaka.

Mishawaka, Ind., Dec. 28.—The Very Reverend A. B. Orchtering, rector of the local Catholic Church for forty years and dean of the Fifth Indiana District, died peacefully this afternoon, after an illness of two months. He was educated at Chroimati and ordained there.

Dean Orchtering was one of the best-known Catholic clergymen in the Central West. He was 65 years old. He inherited wealth from his parents' estate in Germany, but devoted all to the parish here. at Mishawaka.